ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

PLACE: ANSONIA HIGH SCHOOL, Media Center **DATE:** 12 February 2020 TIME: 6:00 P.M.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chris Phipps, president

I. OPENING

A. **Pledge of Allegiance**

B. **Roll Call –** Mr. Phipps called a quorum

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**PRESENT**	**ABSENT**	**LATE**
MR. RICH BSHARA	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X	
MS. BETH LEBERGE	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president	X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	X		
TOTAL	6	1	0

Mr. Phipps asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence to remember Mrs. Rose Goggi, an employee of both Larkin and Lincoln Schools, as well as mother-in law of long time teacher, Mrs. Lisa Goggi.

Mr. Phipps said he also wanted to take a minute to introduce Ms. Beth LeBerge, newest member of the Board. He asked everyone to welcome her. Mr. Phipps also introduced Ms. JoAnne Cegan, Interim Business Manager. He said she has been a pleasure to all and doing an amazing job. Ms. Cegan thanked everyone and said it was her pleasure to be back in Ansonia School District, where she started many years ago.

II. **Public Session–**

Mat Hough, president of the Teachers Union, said that as of 5:00p.m today, the teachers' union has ratified the contract proposal, and asked if the Board can please do the same. He said this contract is good for teachers, it is good for the Board, and most importantly, it is good for the students. He said the decisions were made with great care and he would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Phipps thanked Mr. Hough.

Ms. LeBerge asked to move to add the following motion to the Agenda:

Discussion and possible action upon:

a. Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof, because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled; and/or

b. Discussion and possible action upon a matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) (4), (10), (11) and/or (17) and/or of section 1-210.

MOTION: To add the following motion to the Agenda:
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Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof, because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled; and/or Discussion and possible action upon a matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) (4), (10), (11) and/or (17) and/or of section 1-210.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA	2	X		

MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		6	0	0

III. **Action Items, consideration of approving:**

A. Ansonia Board of Education meeting minutes dated January 7, 2020(special), January 8, 2020(regular), January16, 2020(special).

MOTION: To accept minutes dated
January 7, 2020(special), January 8, 2020(regular),
January 16, 2020(special).
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MEBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA	1	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		6	0	0

B. **Certified Appointments.**
1. Jennifer Morrissey, Grade 6, Prendergast School.

MOTION: To approve the appointed position of
Jennifer Morrissey, Grade 6, Prendergast School.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		6	0	0

C. **Ansonia Public Schools 2020-2021 school calendar. Attachment #1**
Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said Ansonia follows the ACES calendar as close as possible, with some necessary exceptions for things like parent/teacher conferences, and professional days.

MOTION: To approve the Ansonia Public
Schools 2020-2021 school calendar.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		

MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	1	X		
TOTALS		6	0	0

D. **Perkins Supplemental Enhancement Grant. Attachment #2**

Superintendent DiBacco said this is a $50,000 grant pertaining to the Advanced Manufacturing Program at Ansonia High School. He said the grant is an amazing benefit for students and we are extremely lucky to have it available to the district.

MOTION: To approve the submission of the Perkins Supplemental Enhancement Grant.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA	2	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	1	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		6	0	0

E. **AHS donations in memory of Paul J and Katherine McGoe Barnico. Attachment #3**

Superintendent DiBacco said this donation is from a family who wishes to give a monetary gift to the high school. Mr. Barnico attended Ansonia High School.

MOTION: To approve donations for Ansonia High School in memory of Paul J. and Katherine McGoe Brnico.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA	2	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	1	X		
TOTALS		6	0	0

F. **Approve the retirement for Mr. Ed Nicefaro, Technology Teacher, Ansonia High School**. **Attachment #4**

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco wished Mr. Nicefaro well, thanked him for his years of service, and asked the Board to approve his letter for retirement.

MOTION: To approve the retirement of Mr. Ed Nicefaro, Technology Teacher, Ansonia High School.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA	1	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	2	X		
TOTALS		6	0	0

IV. Informational Items.

A. Lexi Brinkmann, Student Representative
Lexi addressed the Board with numerous events happening at the high school. She told the Board how both boys and girls basketball teams are doing very well, the National Honor Society students have been volunteering in the district, notice of Unified Arts basketball game against Oxford Unified Arts students, and several others.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report Attachment #5
Assistant Superintendent Steve Bergin greeted the Board and said he wanted to mention the district was contacted by the State Department of Education to join a cohort which will allow Ansonia to receive their support. He said this is based on disabled students. Mr. Bergin said there was a group of students and staff that completed a survey. He said the state came to the district to walk through the survey and have conversation with staff members. Mr. Bergin said he is proud to say, there was not a single level of need, which is not currently being done throughout the district. He said all of the suggested processes are currently in place. He said he will keep the Board posted on the progress. Mr. Bergin reviewed several other items on his report. There were no questions.
Attachment #6
C. Special Education Director's Report
Special Education Director, Mr. Kevin Keating, said Special Education numbers continue to drop. He said there is a reduced number of students receiving services from this time last year. Mr. Keating said the effort of the Special Ed Department is amazing and the staff is working hard to provide the necessary services for all students that require assistance.

D. Technology Report Attachment #7
Mr. Vinny Pastore was not feeling well and did not attend the meeting. Questions were asked to be emailed to Mr. Pastore.

School Business Administrator Financials Attachment #8
1. 2019 - 2020 Year-to-date – Ms. JoAnne Cegan, interim Business Manager, said there are a few line items that are showing signs of deficit on the report that she is confident will turn around as time goes by. She said there will be several Finance Committee meetings to discuss the following school year budget as well as any other matter that the Board would like to talk about. Mr. Cegan said she is also starting to get involved in the new financial software system that will be rolling out in the near future. She said if there are any questions, she will be happy to hear them and return the answers. Mr. Bshara added they have been meeting down city hall with JoAnne and city finance members to discuss the budget and it is going very well.

2. Athletics – Attachment #9
Mr. Phipps reviewed Mr. Brockett's report. Mr. Phipps mentioned the basketball teams for both girls and boys are doing very well. He said they will be starting the playoff games very soon. He said February 19, 2020 there will be a Unified Arts basketball game with students from Oxford High School. He asked that any questions be addressed to Mr. Brockett.

3. Food Services – Attachment #10
The report was given. There weren't any questions.

4. Grants and other income – Attachment #11
There weren't any questions.

E. Enrollment- Attachment #12
There weren't any questions.

F. Youth Family Outreach Summary – Attachment #13
Mr. Bob Lisi gave his report, discussing the number of students who continue to move into the district currently receiving special services. He said this is an added cost for the district. There weren't any questions.

G. Notes from the Desk of the Superintendent- Attachment #14
Superintendent DiBacco said he wanted thank Bob Evans and staff for their amazing job cleaning and trying to get rid of the germs that have been spreading throughout the district with the flu and other illnesses. He said the custodians have done great sterilizing and keeping the buildings clean.
Superintendent DiBacco said he wanted to thank Ms. JoAnne Cegan who is a former employee of the district. He said she has been an absolute pleasure to work with and she is spreading knowledge into the Finance Department. He said there has been numerous positive activities in all the buildings he had the pleasure to attend. He said there are also several events happening for Black History Month and schools are all getting involved with the celebration. Superintendent DiBacco reviewed his report and there weren't any questions.

H. Additional; Administration or Board of Education

V. **Executive Session**

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 6:38p.m.

for the discussion of strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof, because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled; and/or the discussion of a matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) (4) (10) of section 1-210 and to invite Dr. DiBacco, Mr. Bergin, Attorney Dorsey and Stephen Pedneault to attend.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA	2	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	1	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president				
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		6	0	0

To return to regular meeting.

VI. **A. Action as needed. As a result of Executive Session**

MOTION: To accept Superintendent DiBacco's recommendation that they consider the termination of employment of the School Business Administrator. Further, that the Board authorize the Superintendent to provide such notice, as required by law, to the employee of the Board's actions.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	1	X		
TOTAL		6	0	

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	**MOTION**	**YES**	**NO**	**ABSTAIN**
MR. RICH BSHARA	1	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	2	X		
TOTAL		6	0	

Respectfully submitted,

CASSIE VENSON

Cassie Venson Recording Secretary
Date: 2/18/2020